

(c) whether they have received any statistics showing the percentage of the cardamom produced in the Devicolam taluk which was sold in Travancore markets during last year; and

(d) whether they have consulted responsible officers as to whether it would not be profitable to Government and advantageous to the country if they open a cardamom market in the Pallivasal pakuthi of the Devicolam taluk and bring together all the cardamom produces of the taluk to that market for sale?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(a) Poopara	...	17775.67
Udumbanchola	...	15835.08
Pallivasal	...	2507.80

(b) None. The matter is reported to be engaging the attention of the Cardamom Planters.

(c) No.

(d) Yes. The matter was discussed at a conference in which some Heads of Departments and the leading Cardamom Planters took part.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH (*Vaiko n cum Kottayam*): May I know whether any decision has been arrived at for opening a market for the sale of cardamom?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: It has not been decided.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH: May I know if the matter is under the consideration of Government?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

Concession to match factories.

88 * MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the concessions, if any, granted to each of the match factories and splints and veneers factories in Travancore?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Credit facility up to Rs. 25,000 in the matter of issue of banderols is allowed to Messrs. West Coast Chemicals and Industries Ltd., Mudichal.

MR. C. RAMANKUNJU: വെസ്റ്റ് കോസ്റ്റ് കെമിക്കൽ ആൻഡ് ഇൻഡസ്ട്രീസ് ലിമിറ്റഡിന് മുമ്പെ-ൽ എത്ര രൂപയുടെ ക്രഡിറ്റ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന് പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: ഇരുപത്തയ്യായിരം രൂപയ്ക്കു ക-
ത്ത കൊടുത്തുകാണും. അത്രയും കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഉത്തരവുണ്ട്.

Survey in Kartikapalli Taluk

89. * MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to state when they passed orders to survey and demarcate Survey Nos. 852 and 1091 of Arattupuzha pakuthi in Kartikapalli taluk and what portion of the work has been done till the end of Makaram 1116?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : Survey Nos. 852 and 1091 of the Arattupuzha Pakuthy were included in the Kayal porambokes and ordered to be surveyed by Government in 1939. But, before the work was taken up, the survey work of the Kayal porambokes was itself stopped.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMAN KUNJU : സർവ്വേ ൧൦൯൧-ൽ എൻക്വയറി ചെയ്തെന്ന് ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : അറിവില്ല.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMAN KUNJU : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാൻ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ചെയ്യണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി വേണ്ടതു ചെയ്യാം.

Scarcity of fresh water in Kottayam.

90. *MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the people inhabiting and visiting the town of Kottayam are put to serious hardships owing to the scarcity of fresh water in the town, during the hot season ;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation ;

(c) whether the Government considered the feasibility of a water supply scheme for the town of Kottayam ;

(d) whether the Government has prepared an estimate of the expenses that will be required for completing such a scheme and, if so, what is the amount ; and

(e) if not, what is the approximate amount that will be necessary for the same ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : (a) Yes, to some extent.

(b) and (c) Steps for investigating and fixing up the source of supply are being taken.

(d) No.

(e) About 3 lakhs for a limited supply to the centre of the town where scarcity is specially felt.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know whether any investigation has already been started in this instance.

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Yes, Sir.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know whether any amount was allotted in the last year's budget for this purpose ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Yes, Sir.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know whether any money was spent in pursuance of that allotment ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : No money was spent for that purpose.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know what amount was spent for the investigation done so far ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : The investigation was conducted without spending any money, for there are certain preliminary items to be looked into. That has been done by the existing staff.